

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 23 line 19, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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-- Referring again to Figure 5, and in the preferred embodiment depicted therein, affixed to the back surface 248 249 of the ribbon substrate 251 is the back-coating 252, which is similar in function to the "backside layer" described at columns 2-3 of United States patent 5,665,472.